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SUBJ: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE - INCIDENT INVOLVING MOISEYEV

DANCE COMPANY

1. NEW YORK CITY POLICE ADVISED USUN SECURITY OFFICE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 PM, JUNE 27, 1974, GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS SEATED IN AUDIENCE AT METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE, LINCOLN CENTER, NEW YORK CITY, DISRUPTED FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES PERFORMANCE OF MOISEYEV DANCE COMPANY, A RUSSIAN BALLET COMPANY CURRENTLY ON TOUR OF US, BY THROWING ROTTEN EGGS AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS OF UNKNOWN NOXIOUS LIQUID TOWARD STAGE DURING PERFORMANCE. PRIOR TO ABOVE INCIDENT, NOXIOUS LIQUIDS WERE ALSO RELEASED IN REAR OF THEATER. NO ONE ON STAGE WAS HIT OR HARMED IN ANY WAY; HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRA WHO WERE IN PIT, AND NOT PART OF DANCE COMPANY, WERE HIT WITH UNKNOWN LIQUID. SECURITY OFFICIALS OF LINCOLN CENTER SUMMONED NEW YORK CITY POLICE WHO ARRESTED FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE:

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1) SIDNEY JOFFE, 20 YEARS, MALE, WHITE, OF 315 SEVENTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY, STUDENT AT CCNY.

2) LARRY AMSEL, 21 YEARS, MALE, WHITE, OF 135-28 - 78TH
ROAD, FLUSHING, NEW YORK.

3) JOSH ADLER, 15 YEARS, MALE WHITE, OF 705 EAST SEVENTH
STREET, NEW YORK CITY.

ABOVE INDIVIDUALS BOOKED AT 20TH POLICE PRECINCT. JOFFE
AND AMSEL WERE CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, RECKLESS
ENDANGERMENT, DISORDERLY CONDUCT, HARASSMENT, POSSESSION OF
NOXIOUS MATERIAL AND MENACING. IN ADDITION, AMSEL
WAS CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. ADLER WAS CHARGED WITH JUVENILE
DELINQUENCY. JOFFE AND AMSEL TO BE ARRAIGNED JUNE 28, 1974,
MANHATTAN CRIMINAL COURT, NEW YORK CITY.

2. MATTER IS BEING PRESENTED TO AUSA VIVIANNI, SOUTHERN
DISTRICT FOR NEW YORK.

3. AMONG OTHER JDL MEMBERS OBSERVED OUTSIDE LINCOLN CENTER
WERE: SAMMY WATENSTEIN, JEFF WELTMAN, JOSH JOFFE, HARVEY
FREIDMAN, AND VIC VANCIER.
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